



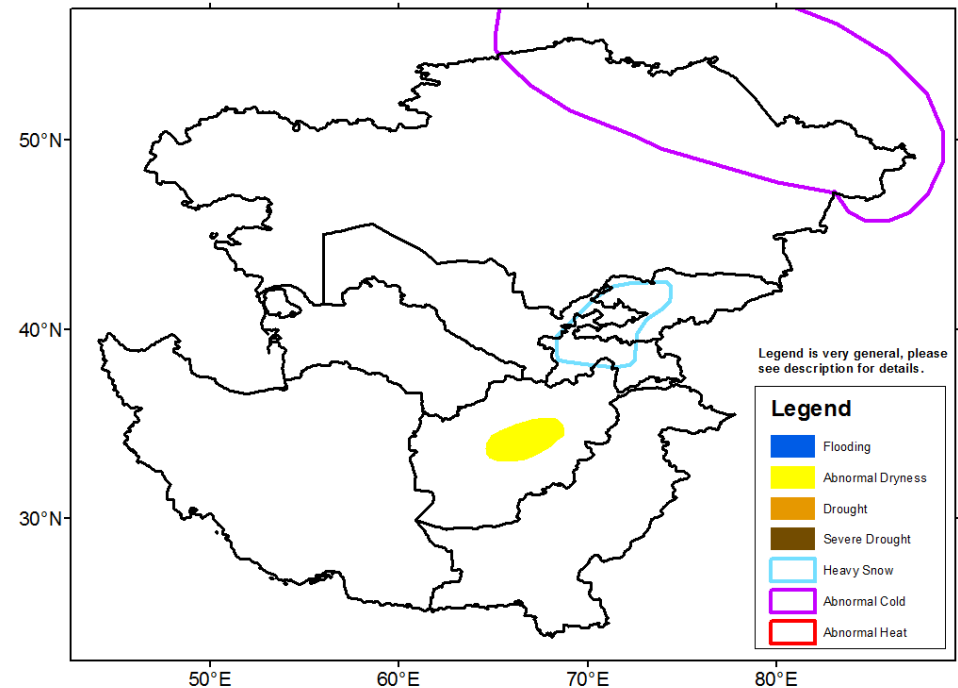
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook December 20 - 26, 2018

Temperatures:

Below-normal temperatures persisted for the second consecutive week across northern Kazakhstan, while above-normal temperatures prevailed across the remainder of the region. The GFS model indicates a variable temperature pattern during late December with 7-day minimum temperatures averaging at or above normal for most of the region. An abnormal cold hazard is posted for northeast Kazakhstan where the GFS model indicates minimum temperatures averaging more than 8 degrees C below normal.

Precipitation

According to satellite estimates, mostly dry weather prevailed across Kazakhstan with light precipitation (less than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) across northern Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan during mid-December. Based on 30-day precipitation deficits (satellite estimates) and negative snow water equivalent anomalies, an abnormal dryness hazard is posted for parts of central Afghanistan. Periods of rain and high-elevation snow are forecast across Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan during the next week with the heaviest snow (more than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) expected across western areas of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.